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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY FOR INTERVIEW OF JUNE 22, 2007

Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed by the Examiner on July 16, 2007 (the "Examiner's Summary"), the time period for responding to which extends to and including August 16, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the comments presented below. As a preliminary matter, however, Applicants first wish to thank Examiner Borissov for his time and attention in the examination of the present application.

Regarding the Interview, Applicants believe that the Examiner's Summary presents a generally complete and accurate characterization of the Interview of June 22, 2007, the contents of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. Applicants add only the following three points:

First, it is noted that counsel for Applicants and the Examiner engaged in e-mail communications in connection with the Interview. Attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit B are copies of such e-mail communications in compliance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

Second, as discussed during the Interview and in Exhibit B, counsel for Applicants informed Examiner Borissov that Applicants intended to file an Information

Disclosure Statement (IDS) for the Examiner's consideration. During the Interview, Applicants advised the Examiner that, should the Examiner choose to allow any claims before the IDS was filed, Applicants would not be paying the issue fee at this time in direct response to any such allowance, but would instead submit the IDS by way of a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in order that the claims could be further examined in view of the IDS before any issue fee is paid or any patent granted.

Third, the Examiner's Summary states that "the claims over the prior art of record was discussed," etc. To clarify, it is noted that the Examiner did not discuss any specific prior art reference during the Interview. Rather, the Examiner identified the claim feature he believed overcomes the collective prior art of record. Applicants then endeavored to incorporate such a feature in the two proposed drafts included in the e-mails of Exhibit B. Applicants consented to make such proposed revisions to the claims subject to the Examiner's subsequent consideration of the IDS to be filed by way of Applicants' filing of the RCE referred to above.

If the Examiner has any questions or other matters whose resolution could be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. Also, the Examiner is authorized to charge any deficiency and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 503571.

Respectfully submitted,

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